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2002-2003 State Officer Leadership Team



Your State Officer Team is charged up for an exciting and fun filled year of TSA. They have established a program of work to include all Missouri TSA chapters in a statewide effort for community service and school service activities to be conducted in your local community.

This Team is committed to giving their best to make this the best year ever for Missouri TSA!

"Be A TSA Member"

You are encouraged to contact your State Officer Team members to share ideas or suggestions that will help TSA grow in Missouri.

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President's Message

Hi Everyone! Congratulations to all of the members who competed at National TSA Conference in Denver. We had an unforgettable time "Showing" that Missouri TSA is the best!

The excitement for this coming year is already growing among the State Officer Team. We want you to join us at The Fall Leadership Connections Conference so you can share in all of the exciting opportunities planned for this coming year.

If you are a senior this year, please send me your email address prior to The Fall Leadership Connections Conference so that we can notify you about some of the great plans for our seniors.

Please put TSA in the subject line of your email. Thanks!



"... I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Thomas Edison

2002-2003 Community Service Project

There have been several ideas mentioned for the State Wide Community Service Project. We ask that you review the list below as you plan your local chapter's community service project. If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to email the State TSA President, Allison Cook, at al_2003_b@hotmail.com. Be sure to include TSA in the subject box. Thanks!

American Red Cross – The American Red Cross, one of the nation's largest humanitarian organizations, provides relief to disaster victims and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. The American Red Cross provides more than half the nation's blood supply and is the largest provider of blood, plasma, and tissue products in the United States. For more information go to <http://www.redcross.org/youth> or <http://www.redcross.org/>.

Teddy Bear Drive – The collection of teddy bears will be donated to a children's hospital.

Book Drive – The collection of children's books will be donated to a local hospital in your chapter's area.

Canned Food Drive -- The collection of canned goods in your community to donate to a local food pantry.

Chapter News



We would like to say Congratulations to the following students and schools who placed in the top ten at TSA Nationals!

CADD-3D Modeling High School

10th **Michael Cohen**, Fort Zumwalt West High School, MO

CADD-Architectural High School

10th **Nick French**, Fort Zumwalt West High School, MO

CADD-Engineering High School

8th **Curtis Nguyen**, Fort Zumwalt North High School, MO

Computer Construction and Trouble Shooting High School

7th **Team Perryville Area Career & Tech Center**, MO

Construction Systems, High School

7th **Team Troy Buchanan High School**, MO

Electronic Systems, High School

4th **Michael Baker**, Smithville High School, MO

Extemporaneous Presentation High School

3rd **Jason Swadley**, Fair Grove R-10 School, MO

Prepared Presentation High School

3rd **Jason Swadley**, Fair Grove R-10 School, MO

Promotional Communication High School

10th **Team Neosho High School**, MO

Technical Research and Report Writing High School

3rd **Erica Conner**, Troy Buchanan High School, MO

Special Awards

Advisor Of The Year

Jim Hogan, Adrian Jr. and Sr. High School

Chapter Excellence Award

Adrian Jr. and Sr. High School Chapter, Adrian, MO

"Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right."

Henry Ford

National TSA Directions Conference

The program

Since 1989 the Technology Student Association has held an annual leadership conference for local chapter and state delegation officers and advisors. At this conference, participants gain leadership experience and learn team-building activities. Networking opportunities give students and teachers a chance to meet and learn from fellow TSA members from across the country.

TSA national advisors and national officers facilitate the student program.

The participants

- Local chapter and state delegation officers
- Local chapter and state delegation advisors/coordinators
- Potential state or national officer candidates

The details

Directions 2002 will be held at the newly renovated Sheraton Reston Hotel in Reston, Virginia from 2:00pm Friday, October 11, through 11:00am Sunday, October 13, 2002.

- The hotel is located at 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20191. Hotel rates are as follows: Single, double, triple, and quads are \$79, plus tax, per night. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel via phone (703/620-9000) or fax (703/860-1594). Housing fees must be paid directly to the hotel. The deadline for reserving hotel rooms is September 10, 2002. You can access hotel information on the web and make reservations on-line. **The TSA meeting code** for Directions 2003 is **2107**. You will need this code when accessing the [The World of Sheraton's](#) meetings and reservation pages.
- The conference registration fee is \$125 per person, which includes four meals: a dinner on Friday night, a breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and a breakfast on Sunday. Click here for Conference Registration and Medical Forms.
- All participants will receive a Directions 2002 tee shirt, the 2002-03 TSA Directory, and other conference related materials.

The policies

- **The conference registration deadline, with payment made to TSA, is September 20, 2002.** Payment and registration must be received by this day. Space is limited. Registrations are accepted on a "first come, first-served" basis. [Click here for registration and medical information forms](#) or contact National TSA at 703/860-9000.
- There is no on-site registration. No refunds will be granted.
- Conference participants must bring their official TSA attire or business-like attire and acceptable casual attire. On Friday, October 11, 2002 conference participants are requested to wear TSA casual attire.
- Conference identification badges must be worn at all times.
- An adult must accompany all students for the duration of the conference.
- The conference registration form and the individual/medical information form must be completed in their entirety.



2002 Fall Leadership Connections Conference

"Be A TSA Member and Make A Difference"

The 5th Annual Missouri TSA Fall Leadership Connections Conference promises to be fun and exciting due to the hard work of this year's State Officer Team. They have spent many hours in preparation to make this year one of the best ever! You will want to make plans now to be a part of this historic event. Come prepared to become a leader. As a result of your attending this conference you will have the opportunity to develop your leadership skills and network with other Technology Education students from across the state. For more information about Fall Leadership Connections Conference go to:

http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoted/tsa_student_conferences.htm.

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Missouri TSA, Inc., President's Message



TSA Members and Advisors,

I hope that you are all excited about the start of the 2002-03 school year and the great impact that all of you have had on current TSA members, faculty, administration and, yes, even your community.

The growth that Missouri TSA has seen this past year validates the important part that each of you play. Your dedication in making the values on which TSA is built a part of your everyday life will make our growth for membership this year far surpass that of this past year.

I challenge both TSA members and advisors to get started early this school year and encourage your chapter to attend the Fall Leadership Conference on September 19-20, 2002, at the Inn at Grand Glaize Conference Center, Osage Beach, Missouri. You will come away from this conference with a strong plan for your chapter and goals that will help you get there. I believe that these goals are the most important element of the conference. You will leave the conference proud to say that you are a TSA member.

What will you do individually to positively affect your fellow students, advisors, administrators, and community this year? Membership in TSA requires you to set your goals high, develop a plan to accomplish these goals and then see your efforts multiplied through others. I have always believed that everyone is a hero to someone and, believe it or not, you are a hero to someone. I encourage you to let others know that you are a TSA member and encourage them to join your TSA chapter. Promoting TSA and encouraging others is a winning combination that can't be beat.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Fall Conference and wish you the best in accomplishing your chapter goals. Please feel free to share your chapter success stories with the TSA Board of Directors or myself. Our email addresses are located on the DESE web site at http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoced/tsa_board_of_directors.htm

Dan Busekrus – President Missouri TSA, Inc., Board of Director's and a TSA member

LCDP (Leadership Connections Degree Program)



Welcome to the *Leadership Connections Degree Program* of Missouri TSA. You are about to embark on a journey with TSA that will connect you with the effective communication skills, self-confidence, and poise to be a leader. TSA can open many doors to exciting opportunities for you and your classmates as you accept the challenge in becoming a better leader through leadership training in TSA. How far you go in the future will be determined by your motivation and commitment.

This program is designed to assist each participant in preparing for leadership in your respective Local TSA Chapter or State TSA Association and for those of you who aspire for greater things, aim at becoming a National TSA Officer. This program is divided into three degrees of achievement that must be obtained in respective order as follows:

"Mistakes are the portals of discovery."
James Joyce



The mission of the Missouri Technology Student Association is to prepare our membership for the challenges of a dynamic world by promoting technological literacy, leadership, and problem solving, resulting in personal growth and opportunities. (Adapted from the National TSA Mission)

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LCDP (Leadership Connections Degree Program) continued

● **Entry Degree - Basic Degree "Leadership Award"** (earned by attending the Annual Missouri TSA Fall Leadership Connections Conference and completing all the requirements for the award)

● **1st Degree - "Academic"**

● **2nd Degree - "Collegiate"**

● **3rd Degree - "Scholar"**

You are encouraged to work at your own pace while preparing for the exam that is required for each respective degree. Your local chapter advisor at his or her discretion will administer the written exam(s). In addition, you will need to keep accurate records of your achievements, including appropriate signatures where required, to receive the award and degree. The awarding of the appropriate degree will be presented during the Annual Fall Leadership Connections Conference. You must achieve at least 85% mastery or higher of the content to be an eligible recipient for the respective award.

For details and information about our degree program go to: http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoted/tsa_lcdp.htm.

Brain Teaser

The boxes contain representations of famous sayings. See if you can determine the correct famous sayings.

BLOOD WATER	JUS 144 TICE	SGEG
ALL world	Ci ii	NO WAY IT WAYS
NINE CUMULUS	EGG EGG EASY	WWoOLOfL

First row: Blood is thicker than water, gross injustice, scrambled eggs
Second row: It's a small world after all, see eye to eye, no two ways about it.
Third row: On cloud nine, two eggs over easy, wolf in sheep's clothing.